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death? Who has to plan a funeral in a skating rink?
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We had to have a closed casket because Dayna did not look anything like herself. The fluid + blood buildup in her skull and made her head swell.

Her eyes were blackened and swollen nearly completely closed. Bruising and broken bones meant there

were not many places Dayna could be touched. All

I wanted to do was pick Dayna up and hold her

while she took her last breath. The best I could

do was hold her hand, watch + listen until the end.

Incredibly Dayna continued to breath on her own

and her heart continued to beat for about a half

hour after being taken off life support. Unfortunately
~~we unable to gift anyone with~~

Dayna was living at home with my husband,

Lyle, and myself while she worked with the Broncos.

Having Dayna in our home again helped alleviate

some of the quiet and isolation of living on a farm,

Now we don't have that bit of excitement and

the quiet can be deafening.

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* We had to plan a private funeral in our small parish church the evening before the public services. This ~~was~~ ~~is~~ private funeral of 400+ people was in the church where we thought we would be celebrating Dagna's ~~funeral~~ wedding, where we thought we would be walking her down the aisle to greet her happy loving groom. We did walk Dagna down the aisle but instead of a white dress, Dagna wore a beanie to cover her shaven, lacerated head & a scarf to cover her bruised neck. Yes we did walk her down the aisle, but we weren't escorting a bride - we were ~~escorting~~ escorting a casket.

My relationships with my other children has changed dramatically. I ~~fit~~ feel as though the stress and shock of Dayna's injuries and death is like someone pouring gasoline on every hurt feeling and misunderstanding and put a match to on it. ~~I can't seem to~~ ^{and I don't} know if ~~they~~ ^{things} will ever be close to the same. Again.

I find it hard to maintain casual conversations with friends and family members because I have become so focused on my grief and what I no longer have. Celebrating birthdays, weddings, births, Christmas feels so hollow and lonely because Dayna's ~~life~~ laugh will never be part of these things. ~~again~~ Christmas was quiet and lonely...

I'll see or hear something and want to share it with Dayna only to realize she is not here. How can I truly describe the impact of those few moments on April 6, 2018 when my world went sideways? ~~I will never see Dayna~~ The loss of 16

beautiful souls who had their lives ahead of them is so hard to believe. The suffering of the survivors and the families ^{→ my suffering,} will continue for a long time.



APPRECIATION

The family wishes to express their gratitude for your kindness evidenced in thought and deed,
and for your attendance at the funeral service.

SCHULER-LEFEBVRE FUNERAL CHAPEL - Humboldt, Saskatchewan
"Dedicated to those we serve."

In Loving Memory Of Dayna Marie Brons



May 21, 1993 ~ April 11, 2018
24 Years

PRAYER MASS:

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 - 7:30 p.m.

Assumption Roman Catholic Church, Marysburg, Saskatchewan

Celebrant: Fr. Joseph Salihi

Crossbearer: Eric Brons **Altar Servers :** Dallen Rude & Jarret Rude

Scripture Readers: Donna Moellenbeck & Myrna Brons

Intentions: Shannon Mack, Hannah Moellenbeck & Celina Grieman

Giftbearers: Janelle Glessman, Dustin Brons & Eric Brons

Communion Ministers: Tim & Louise Kowalski and Melvin Gerspacher

Memorial Table Attendants: Don & Kim Hartl and Ward & Laurie Meyer

FUNERAL SERVICE:

Wednesday, April 18, 2018 - 11:30 a.m.

Elgar Petersen Arena, Humboldt, Saskatchewan

Celebrant: Fr. Joseph Salihi

Scripture Readers: Bria Prokopchuk & Wendy Therens

Intentions: Mary-Lou Saccary, Sheena Gerspacher & Chantelle Pinder

Music Ministry:

Assumption Parish Choir, organist Sharon Carter & soloist Paige Bautz

Eulogist: Curtis Strueby **Spiritual Reflection:** Dave Atamanchuk

Honor Guards:

Humboldt Broncos Alumni, Canadian Athletic Therapists Association
& Saskatoon SWAT Lacrosse Alumni

Active Pallbearers:

Savanna Sarauer Jenna Dibblee Katie Jamieson Ryan Moellenbeck
Bryce Gerspacher Kevin Therens Jeremy Reinelt Kristina Simonson

INTERMENT:

Assumption Roman Catholic Cemetery, Marysburg, Saskatchewan

Memorial Luncheon:

Humboldt Uniplex Jubilee Hall

Memorial Donations:

Royal University Hospital Foundation (ICU) 103 Hospital Dr, Saskatoon, SK
S7N 0W8 or the Dayna Brons Scholarship Fund at Mount Royal University (Make
cheques payable to: Mount Royal University Foundation), 4825 Mount Royal
Gate SW Calgary, Alberta T3E 6K6 (memo line: In Memory of Dayna Brons).

Dayna Marie Brons was born on May 21, 1993, in Humboldt to Lyle and Carol (nee Gerspacher) Brons. She was the third of four children. Dayna grew up on a farm near Marysburg, SK and went to school in Lake Lenore. While in school, Dayna was involved in many activities. She was in dance (jazz, ballet, hip hop and tap), played saxophone, was a member of the SRC, and played many sports including soccer, cross country, basketball, fast ball and track. Dayna was also one of the few girls to play hockey in Lake Lenore at that time. After completing high school, Dayna went to St. Peter's College for her first year of university and then continued her education at the University of Regina where she met her partner Brenden. She received her degree in Kinesiology and Health Studies. Dayna then moved to Calgary so that she could attend Mount Royal University where she completed her Advanced Certificate in Athletic Therapy. After completing university Dayna moved to Saskatoon with Brenden and her brother Eric, and at this time, worked with the Saskatoon SWAT lacrosse team for her practicum and with the Saskatchewan Rough Rider training camp. Once hockey season started, she was excited to sign a contract with the Humboldt Broncos. Dayna continued with SWAT in the hockey off season. Dayna's great sense of humour, her easy smile and sunny, loving personality endeared her to everyone who came into her life. People of all ages and animals were drawn to her fun loving nature. Her passion for athletics and her independent, tenacious spirit earned the respect of colleagues and teammates wherever she played or worked.

Dayna will be forever treasured by her parents **Lyle** and **Carol** (nee Gerspacher) Brons; sister **Janelle** (Dee) Glessman; brothers **Dustin** Brons (Katelyn Maurer) and **Eric** Brons. She will be cherished by her common-law spouse **Brenden** Prokopchuk; his parents Brent and Arlene (nee Schamberger) Prokopchuk; her grandmother Dorothy (nee Lachmuth) Gerspacher; aunts and uncles: Kenneth (Barbara) Gerspacher, Leonard (Carol) Gerspacher, Louise (Tim) Kowalski, Lloyd (Joan) Gerspacher, Melvin (Kristina) Gerspacher, Walter Gerspacher (Debbie Winters), Eugene (LeeAnn) Gerspacher, Ramona (Kevin) Reinelt, Donna (Maurice) Moellenbeck, Annette Grieman (Maris Kocins), Irene Treece (Cliff Johndrow), Ron (Adele) Brons, Audrey (Owen) Hopfner, Myrna Brons (Kevin Brockman), and numerous cousins and second cousins. Dayna was predeceased by her grandparents, Herman Gerspacher; August and Helen (nee Fullawka) Brons; uncle Keith Grieman; and aunt Leona (Allan) Muggli.



VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT

For court use only

Information Number _____

Victim's Name Dayna Bruns Police Service RCMP
Offence Date Apr. 6, 2018 Offence Location Hwy 35 Sask Tisdale Incident/File Number 2018-446743

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See Attached

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Drawing, poem or letter

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☒ I would like to present my statement in court.

To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this statement is true.

Dated this 17 day of January 2019, at Lake Lenore SK

Signature of declarant Lyle Brans

If you completed this statement on behalf of the victim, please indicate the reasons why you did so and the nature of your relationship to the victim.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20____, at _____

Signature of declarant _____

Victim Impact Statement of Lyle Brons for the death of Dayna Brons (daughter)

File number: 2018-446743

Dayns Brons was my daughter, age 24. From a very young age she was active in sports, including hockey, which she played on boys teams due to a lack of girls teams in the area. Often she was the only girl on the team. She also played fastball, basketball and soccer as well as being involved in dance and playing saxophone in the school band. She had a smile that could light up a room, and coaches and co-workers often commented that she had a great attitude. Her love for sports lead her to get her degree in kinesiology at the University of Regina and her certificate in athletic therapy at Mount Royal University in Calgary. After completing the AT program in 2016, she took a job under the mentorship of Neil Demmons working with the Saskatoon Swat lacrosse team. She also worked at the Saskatchewan Roughrider's training camp that spring. Later that summer when Darcy Haugan asked Mr. Demmons if he could recommend someone for athletic therapist and equipment manager for the Humboldt Broncos, he immediately gave him Dayna's name. After a short meeting between Dayna and the broncos coaching staff, she was offered a two year contract, which she accepted.

When the Broncos training camp started, she moved in with my wife Carol and I as we are only a 20 minute drive to Humboldt. I have been attending Bronco games for almost as long as I can remember, first with my dad as a child and eventually becoming a season ticket holder in recent years. Dayna and our other 3 children often attended games with me when they were growing up. I loved watching Dayna on the bench working with the team that I have been watching most of my life. It was also nice having her come home and talk to her about the game. She loved her job but I didn't realize the impact she had on the team until after she passed away. Since then parents of the players, from the Broncos and the Swat, have told me how good she was at treating their

son's injuries, sometimes getting them back into the game sooner than expected. She even helped a referee once with a sore shoulder. She was always ready to help people.

Dayna had a bright future in her career as an athletic therapist. After 2 seasons with both the Swat and the Broncos, she seemed to have built a very good reputation for herself professionally. It seems she was well known in AT community. She often joked about working for the Saskatchewan Roughrider's in the future, and when she passed away, the Roughrider athletic therapists and many of the players remembered her for her talent and work ethic from the 2016 training camp. I will never be able to see how far she would have gone in her career. Nor will I see the children she talked about having. She will not be at our family gatherings on holidays or camping or weddings or when her nieces or nephews are born. She is and always will be missed deeply.

I was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2013. Since then my mobility has been affected to the point that I had to quit farming in 2015. Through therapy I was able to improve my mobility to the point where I was hoping to be able to work again with further improvement. I was able to help a friend with seeding and harvest by operating machinery, however I was not able to any physical work, especially involving standing or walking. After Dayna passed away all the gains that I made were gone, headaches and fatigue got worse and I was not able to help my friend last year. I had earned some income in the previous 3 years but not in 2018.

I have never been good at expressing how I feel or what I think. For the last 9 months I have been emotionally numb for much of the time. My physical pain from MS is sometimes a distraction from the emotional pain of losing Dayna and having a son that has not talked to me or my wife for the last six months. Dayna's death is a contributing factor to the problems with my son. The days run together from one to the next and mostly not productive. Nights are sometimes sleepless and rarely restful. Mr. Sidhu's guilty plea and show of remorse has made things somewhat easier recently.

As I sit here reviewing my VIS this evening before it is to be read in court, there is so much more I wish I would have written about Dayna. I hope that I can at least have this much included.

Dayna was a hard working fun loving woman that brought love and caring and happiness to the people around her. I believe that Dayna would want her family to live out their lives in peace and happiness as she lived hers until her death. I feel that the only way for me to achieve this is through forgiveness. I don't know if I have completely forgiven Mr. Sidhu yet but I know that eventually I will. I pray that everyone affected by this tragedy including Mr. Sidhu will somehow find peace in and happiness in their lives.



VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT

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Information Number

Victim's Name Dayna Brons ~~Dorothy Gerspacher~~ Police Service RCMP
Offence Date Apr 6, 2018 Offence Location Branco Bus Crash Incident/File Number 2018-446743

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*I am Dorothy Gerspacher
grandmother of Dayna Brons.*

Carol came to visit me the afternoon of April 6, 2018. I asked what Dayna was doing and she replied that the team was taking the bus to Nipawin and Dayna was with them. That evening a staff member told me about the accident, unaware that I had a connection to the team. I became very upset and refused to go to bed without speaking to my daughter, Carol. They were already on their way from Tisdale to

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Saskatoon. The shock of hearing of the seriousness of Dayna's injuries meant I needed medication to calm me. Being 93 years old made it impossible for me to travel to Saskatoon to see Dayna and be with my family. Dayna was always very patient and considerate and visited often. I loved her very much. I miss her a lot. It still bothers me to see so much suffering.

Economic impact

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☐ I would like to present my statement in court. *I would ^{like} this read in court.*

To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this statement is true.

Dated this 13 day of Jan 20 19, at Watson, Sask.

Signature of declarant Dorothy Gerspacher

If you completed this statement on behalf of the victim, please indicate the reasons why you did so and the nature of your relationship to the victim.

transcribed as told by Dorothy Gerspacher

Dated this 13 day of Jan 20 19, at Watson, SK

Signature of declarant Donna McEllenbeck

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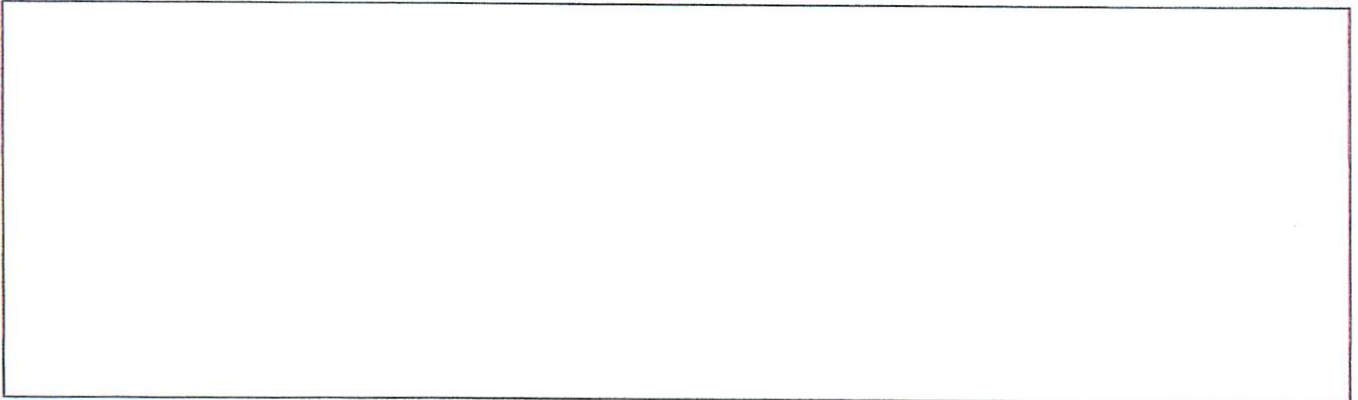
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Dated this 20th day of January 20 19, at Martensville, SK

Signature of declarant



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Dated this _____ day of _____ 20_____, at _____

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The day of the accident was the second worst day of my life. It was a scary time for me because my family and I did not know if my sister would live or die. The worst day of my life was the day my sister, Dayna Marie Brons, died. The night before she died, my mom had finally decided that she could spend the night away from the hospital. That same night I had to be the one who called my mom and the rest of my family to tell them that Dayna was dying. That was the hardest thing I have ever had to do.

In the days that followed, my relationships have changed in ways that I would have never predicted. Previous to the accident, if someone would have asked me if my family would get closer or further apart if a tragedy occurred in our family, I would have told them that my family would get closer. However, that was NOT the case. Some members of my family have decided to distance themselves from the rest of us. This hurts me everyday because this is not what I thought my family would be. I truly believe that my family will never be the same.

The relationship with my husband has also suffered because of the crash. We fight more often. We fight about my family. We fight about how each of us is dealing with our grief. Sometimes our fights can get so bad that I don't sleep.

The Monday following Dayna's funeral was my first day back to work. I felt that I needed to get back to a routine. However, now that I am back to work, I am finding it hard to relate to my coworkers and their problems. The problems in their lives just seem so insignificant in comparison to what my life has become. I often feel like an outsider.

The final relationship that has been hurt by the accident is the one with my sister. I no longer get to have a relationship with my sister. Dayna was my only sister and I believe that sisters have a special bond. Growing up we shared a bedroom and spent many nights talking. Dayna had a quiet confidence about her. She was never "the life of the party" but people and animals were drawn to her. She was always up for a new adventure. I miss her everyday.

I appreciate that Mr. Sidhu pled guilty to all charges. It has made it much easier to see a future where I can forgive him for his mistake. I know that I am not there yet but I am working on getting there. I feel empathy for Mr. Sidhu as it could have been anyone in that truck or on that road that day. I can tell that he feels remorse for what he did but I am still angry with him. I feel that if the crash had not happened that my relationships with my family and my husband would be better. I would maybe feel like I fit in better at work. The crash took away the chance to share my excitement and sadness with my sister and for her to do the same with me. I no longer get to share major life events with her. I will never get to help her plan her wedding. I will never get to see her as a mom or be an auntie to her kids. I will never get to see where Dayna's career, that was really just getting started, could have taken her. She often joked that she could work for the

Janelle Messman January 20, 2019.

Saskatchewan Rough Riders one day. I am confident that if she wanted to, one day she could have worked for them. I will never get to see her smile or hear he laugh again.

Because of my grief caused by the accident, I am now seeing a therapist. She has been helping me to make sense of what has and is happening in my life due to the accident. This is covered by insurance but I do miss work for my appointments causing me to have lost wages.

There have also been several events for the twenty-nine families as well as memorial events for just Dayna that I have attended. Travel and accommodations have not always been covered. Some of the events were also during the week which meant that I had to take time off work.

Although I do not foresee Mr. Sidhu and I sitting down and having a conversation in the near future I do not feel that he is a threat to me or society.

Thank you for allowing me to submit my victim impact statement to the court.

Janell Hesson
January 20, 2019

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Signature of declarant _____

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Dated this _____ day of _____ 20____, at _____

Signature of declarant *[Signature]*

Hi. My name is Dee Glessman. Dayna Brons was my sister-in-law for 10 years. In those 10 years she truly did become my sister. During the time I knew her, I got to watch her grow up from a young teenager to a mature woman just getting started in her professional career. You could tell that Dayna had just found her groove with the last hockey season and her possibilities would be endless.

The loss of Dayna has hit me very hard because it brought up feelings that I never knew I had due to the loss of my own sister when I was very young. This now has affected me in many aspects of my life, mostly with my wife since we are both grieving in our own ways. It has led to many fights and arguments causing me to lose sleep. It has also affected my relationships with my in-laws. Some of those relationships might be able to be fixed in the future but they will never be the same. I have also noticed that in my own immediate family, and with coworkers and friends my relationships have changed because I find it hard to relate to their problems when their problems seem so small and insignificant in comparison to what I am going through. I find it hard to concentrate on my day to day activities. Reminders of Dayna and the accident seem to be everywhere especially since I am a tire technician which means I work with the trucking industry.

Since the accident most expenses have been covered. Some of the more minor expenses that have not been covered have been time off work, travel, accommodations, and personal items that were purchased in memory of Dayna.

To Mr. Sidhu, I don't know what to say because there is nothing that can be done to bring Dayna back. I do appreciate that you pleaded guilty so that this court case does not have to drag on any further.

Thank you to the courts for allowing me to tell my story.

Dee Glessman

January 20, 2019



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Ministry of Justice

VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT

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Victim's Name Dawna BRONS Police Service RCP
Offence Date April 6/18 Offence Location Saskatoon Incident/File Number 2018-446743

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As Dawna's godmother, Dawna held a special place in my heart. Forever I will have to deal with the loss of this special person. No longer will I have the privilege of sharing Christmas, Easter or birthdays with her. My daughter has lost a mentor. I come from a large close knit Rnet family where

Physical impact

Describe how the offence has affected you physically. For example, think of:

- ongoing physical pain, discomfort, illness, scarring, disfigurement or physical limitations;
- hospitalization or surgery you have had because of the offence;
- treatment, physiotherapy or medication you have been prescribed;
- the need for any further treatment or the expectation that you will receive further treatment; and
- any permanent or long-term disability.

every member is cherished. The events of April 6, 2018 lead to the death of an irreplaceable member of our family.

Economic impact

Describe how the offence has affected you financially. For example, think of:

- the value of any property that was lost or damaged and the cost of repairs or replacement;
- any financial loss due to missed time from work;
- the cost of any medical expenses, therapy or counselling; and
- any costs or losses that are not covered by insurance.

Please note that this is not an application for compensation or restitution.

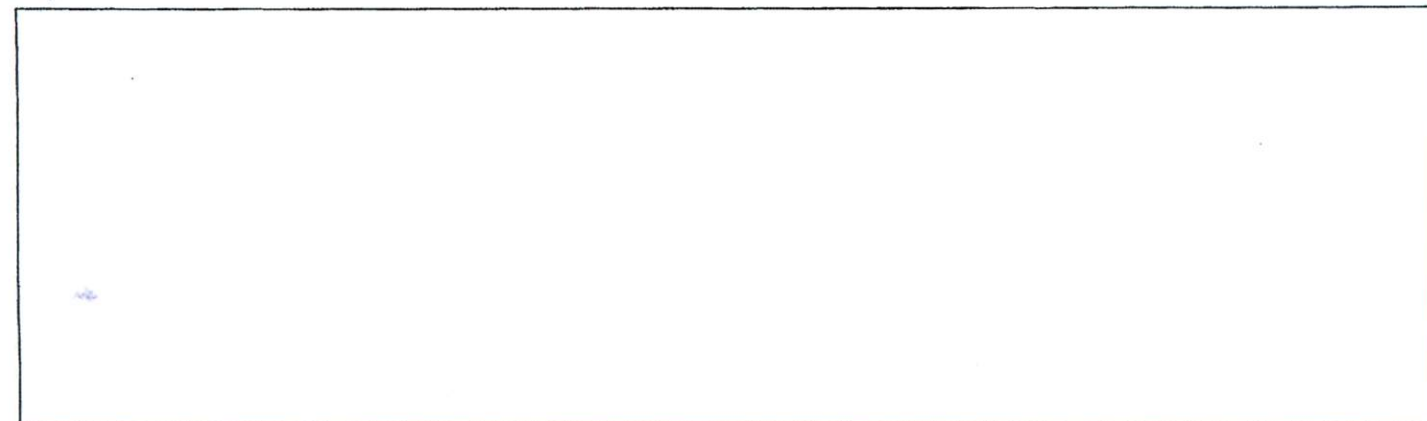
Fears for security

Describe any fears you have for your security or that of your family and friends. For example, think of:

- concerns with respect to contact with the offender; and
- concerns with respect to contact between the offender and members of your family or close friends.

Drawing, poem or letter

You may use this space to draw a picture or write a poem or letter if it will help you express the impact that the offence has had on you.



☐ I would like to present my statement in court.

To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this statement is true.

Dated this 17 day of January 2019, at Englewood SK

Signature of declarant Donna M. K. Beck

If you completed this statement on behalf of the victim, please indicate the reasons why you did so and the nature of your relationship to the victim.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____, at _____

Signature of declarant _____